

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

Charles Sowell Blalock,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Civil Action No. 6:13-cv-02360-JMC
v.	)	
	)	<b>ORDER AND OPINION</b>
Carolyn W. Colvin,	)	
Acting Commissioner of the	)	
Social Security Administration,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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This matter is before the court for review of the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation ("Report") (ECF No. 13), filed August 16, 2014, regarding Plaintiff Charles Sowell Blalock's ("Plaintiff") claim for Disability Insurance Benefits ("DIB") and Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") benefits under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act.

The Report recommends that the court affirm the Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin's ("the Acting Commissioner") decision that plaintiff was not under a disability as defined in the Social Security Act, as amended. (*Id.* at 2.) The Report sets forth the relevant facts and legal standards, which this court incorporates herein without a recitation.

The magistrate judge's Report is made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina. The magistrate judge makes only a recommendation to this court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with this court. *See Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270–71 (1976). The court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objections are made, and the court may accept, reject, or

modify, in whole or in part, the magistrate judge's recommendation or recommit the matter with instructions. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The parties were notified of their right to file objections. Plaintiff did not file any objections to the Report. In the absence of objections to the magistrate judge's Report, this court is not required to provide an explanation for adopting the recommendation. *See Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983). Instead, the court must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation. *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee's note). Furthermore, failure to file specific written objections to the Report results in a party's waiver of the right to appeal from the judgment of the District Court based upon such recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841 (4th Cir. 1985); *United States v. Schronce*, 727 F.2d 91 (4th Cir. 1984).

After a thorough and careful review of the record, the court finds the magistrate judge's Report provides an accurate summary of the facts and law in the instant matter. The court **ACCEPTS** the magistrate judge's Report (ECF No. 13) and incorporates it herein by reference. For the reasons set out in the Report, the Acting Commissioner's final decision is **AFFIRMED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Michelle Childs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

United States District Court Judge

October 3, 2014  
Columbia, South Carolina